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1. AT OUR REQUEST, THE UK DELEGATION CHECKED WITH LONDON ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAY 10 OPENING FORMAL CEREMONIES OF THE SUMMIT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO LAST FROM 10 AM TO 10:45 AM. THE UK DELEGATION TOLD US THAT IN ADDITION TO STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, THE PORTUGUESE HONORARY PRESIDENT MAY ALSO WISH TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. LONDON HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LISBON ON THIS POINT, BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A FINAL DECISION FROM THE PORTUGUESE. (THE PORTUGUESE PERMREP HERE HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED THAT THE HONORARY PRESIDENT MAKE BRIEF OPENING REMARKS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING IN LANCASTER HOUSE RATHER THAN AT THE OPENING CEREMONY (REFC).

2. THE UK DELEGATION DOES NOT KNOW THE LENGTH OF PM
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CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT, BUT ASSUMES THAT IF ONLY THE PM AND THE SYG SPEAK AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, IT MIGHT NOT LAST MORE THAN 30 MINUTES. UNTIL THEY HAVE FINAL WORD FROM THE PORTUGUESE, HOWEVER, LONDON WANTS TO HOLD OPEN 45 MINUTES FOR THE CEREMONY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SYG'S PRIVATE OFFICE THAT LUNS' OPENING STATEMENT WILL NOT TAKE MORE THAN 15 MINUTES. STREATOR

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